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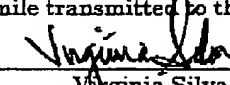
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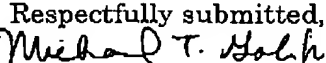
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Sir:

Applicants' attorneys submitted a response (Response E) on September 2, 2005 to the Office Action mail-dated June 2, 2005. The return postcard that we received from the US Patent and Trademark Office (Office) in connection with Response E indicates that the response was received by the Office on September 6, 2005. However, to date applicants' attorneys have not received any further formal communication from the Office. In telephone discussions with the Examiner on or about January 6, 2006 and again in mid-February 2006, the undersigned was informed that a Notice of Allowance had been prepared by the Examiner, but that it had not yet been mailed. Applicants' attorneys have not received a Notice of Allowance.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Allowance be mailed, or that they otherwise be advised of the current status of this application.

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